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CANARY ISLANDS.

*Case of plague on the steamship *Duca di Galliera* at Barcelona; also on the steamship *Espagne* at Marseille.*

[No. 186.]

TENERIFFE, CANARY ISLANDS, July 16, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the Italian steamship *Duca di Galliera*, from Buenos Ayers, put in at Grand Canary, where she took coal, landed and took passengers. When she arrived at Barcelona plague was discovered on board and she was ordered in quarantine.

The French steamship *Espagne*, also from Buenos Ayres, stopped at this port for coal, and on her arrival at Marseille bubonic plague was discovered on board and she was sent to quarantine quarters. The above 2 cases have given the inhabitants of these islands a quiet scare, on account of the quarantine regulations, which I reported in my dispatch, No. 172, dated April 22, 1902, having not been strictly enforced.

Respectfully,

SOLOMON BERLINER,

United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Plague and cholera diminishing in Hongkong, but prevalent in the north.

HONGKONG, CHINA, July 1, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station during the week ended June 28, 1902. Eleven vessels were inspected, 444 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 489 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam. The cholera situation in this city continues to show great improvement, but 2 cases and 2 deaths having been reported during the week. This makes a total of 362 cases and 318 deaths from this disease thus far this year. Unofficial reports from the Canton district indicate that the disease is subsiding. Reports from the coast cities in the north of China indicate that the disease is especially severe. The local papers state that the foreign population of Shanghai has suffered to a considerable extent.

I respectfully inclose a letter from Dr. Anna K. Scott, of the Baptist mission at Swatow, which describes the conditions in that district.

There was a slight improvement in the plague situation in this city during the week, 44 cases and 42 deaths having been reported. This makes a total of 373 cases and 364 deaths thus far this year. One case of enteric fever and 1 case of smallpox, the latter terminating fatally, were also reported to the sanitary board.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,

Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

[Inclosure.]

SWATOW, CHINA, June 15, 1902.

SIR: In compliance with your request for information concerning the prevalence of Asiatic cholera in the Swatow district, I have now to report that the disease has been